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For: SYSTEM FOR DRILLING OIL  
AND GAS WELLS USING A  
CONCENTRIC DRILL STRING  
TO DELIVER A DUAL DENSITY  
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## 37 C.F.R. §110

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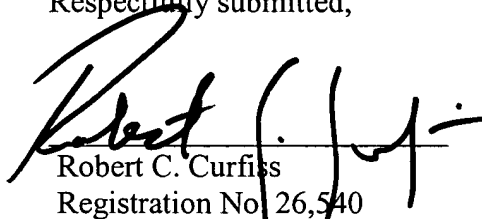
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5. Undersigned counsel hereby requests a telephone conference with the Examiner if there are any questions. It is respectfully requested that the references be considered by the Examiner, be made a part of the official record, and be cited in the issued patent.

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**FOREIGN PATENT OR PUBLISHED FOREIGN PATENT APPLICATION**

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**OTHER DOCUMENTS** (Including Author, Title, Date, Relevant Pages, Place of Publication)

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